



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**DARLINGTON HIGH**  
**Darlington**  
**Grades: 9-12** **Enrollment: 1,193**  
**Principal: Dr. Greg Harrison**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Rainey Knight**  
**Board Chair: Charles Govan**

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Excellent	Gold	Gold	Not Met	N/A
2009	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	3	19	4	6

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Passed 2 subtests (%)	62.6%	67.3%	69.4%	65.9%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	16.6%	18.1%	16.4%	19.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	20.9%	14.6%	14.3%	15.1%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2011

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	88.9%	83.8%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	295	190
Number of Diplomas	249	134
Rate (%)	84.4%	70.7%

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	57.8	66.2
English 1	50.8	52.0
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	39.7	49.7
Physical Science	38.8	42.3
US History and the Constitution	35.7	31.9
All Tests	44.6	47.9

## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

### READING – GRADE 8 (2011)



### MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)



### SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2009)



## SC PERFORMANCE VISION

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=1,193)</b>				
Retention rate	9.7%	Down from 10.2%	4.8%	3.4%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 92.6%	94.9%	95.0%
Served by gifted and talented program	4.6%	Down from 5.1%	7.7%	12.4%
With disabilities other than speech	18.9%	Down from 22.4%	12.2%	9.9%
Older than usual for grade	16.1%	Down from 18.2%	9.9%	7.1%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.3%	Up from 1.2%	0.8%	0.9%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	0.0%	No Change	7.6%	13.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	17.3%	51.7%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	25.3%	Up from 22.2%	27.5%	30.1%
Annual dropout rate	1.4%	Down from 2.4%	2.4%	2.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	5.4%	Up from 0.0%	5.4%	2.9%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	506	Down from 569	352	419
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	75.1%	Up from 68.9%	76.7%	83.0%
<b>Teachers (n=82)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	46.3%	Down from 56.3%	59.1%	61.1%
Continuing contract teachers	75.6%	Down from 76.3%	74.5%	80.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	81.5%	Up from 80.3%	82.6%	86.5%
Teacher attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 96.7%	95.4%	95.5%
Average teacher salary*	\$44,669	Down 2.6%	\$45,203	\$46,884
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.9%	Up from 1.9%	3.2%	2.2%
Professional development days/teacher	10.2 days	Down from 11.6 days	9.9 days	10.0 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 5.0	2.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.2 to 1	Down from 28.9 to 1	23.6 to 1	26.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.1%	Up from 88.3%	88.7%	89.3%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,896	Down 8.6%	\$8,846	\$7,804
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.1%	Up from 57.8%	55.9%	58.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.5%	Down from 61.9%	59.1%	60.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 90.5%	96.5%	97.3%
Character development program	Good	Up from Average	Good	Good
% of AYP objectives met	81.0%	Up from 57.1%	53.8%	65.2%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	46	115	67
Percent satisfied with learning environment	66.7%	66.4%	74.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	71.7%	72.6%	66.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	48.9%	80.5%	77.6%

\*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Darlington High School has experienced a banner year academically and athletically. We are truly "in the pursuit of excellence." Our school strives to meld academic and technical studies while ensuring that every course is challenging and engaging. With the largest graduating class in our history, Darlington High School boasts, among its many accomplishments, two Palmetto Gold awards in recognition of our 85% graduation rate and our success closing the achievement gap through academic excellence. In addition to being the largest graduating class, the class of 2011 received \$1,815,031.00 in scholarships, and 25 members of the class received transferrable college credit from our college Magnet Program.

As well as excelling academically, Darlington High School has also made great strides outside of the classroom. JROTC students scored at the highest level of inspection, with four students receiving recommendations to military academies. The Varsity Boys' Basketball Team won the Lower-State Championship advancing to the State Finals. The Wrestling team was named co-region champions with individual students competing in both the Lower-State and State Championships. Girls' Cross Country Team won the region championship, and Varsity Baseball Team won the district championship.

Darlington High School Falcons were also committed to serving their community through service learning projects. Students in the Magnet Program sent essential items to the homeless in our area. Teacher Cadet Students collected items for Christmas stockings for our local boys' home. The National Honor Society raised money for the Children's Miracle Network, sent care packages to 20 soldiers serving in Afghanistan, and donated items to enhance the school's aesthetics and functionality. In addition, the Student Government adopted a child through the Make-A-Wish Program, raised funds for Breast Cancer Awareness, and hosted 3 Red Cross Blood Drives. Fifteen graduates were recognized for donating time and service on three separate occasions during their tenure at Darlington High.

Darlington High School, by becoming a Renaissance School, makes a concerted effort to recognize and celebrate student excellence through our school-wide incentive program. The Triple Crown Award, which honors students who are successful on their first attempt at HSAP, recognized 196 students this year. The Falcon Pride Awards celebrated students who demonstrated Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dependability, and Excellence. Through this program, over 1500 students were recognized by faculty members. From these, four students were chosen each month to serve as Students of the Month. More than 200 students were honored each quarter for perfect attendance and academic achievement during our "On-A-Roll Celebrations".

The success of Darlington High School students is directly correlated to the high standards set by the Falcon Faculty. Our first year teacher of the year was recognized as the District's First Year Teacher of the Year. Six of our teachers hold National Board Certification, and over half of the faculty hold advanced degrees. It truly has been a banner year at Darlington High School.

Ms. Jane Lloyd, SIC Chairperson  
Dr. Greg Harrison, Principal

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